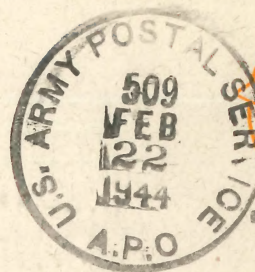


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Hiya Joe,

Don't know why in the heck I'm writing you. - Just feel like I ought to be writing someone and you are the the victim - worse luck?!

Oh, yes, - the calendar from Esquire arrived a couple of days ago! - Hm! - Quite a nice one, don't you think? Of course I had in mind the one they put out with the tiny dates up in the corner - but, ahem, - the "figures" on this one will do very nicely! - Boy, oh, boy - what they don't do for morale! - Can't make up my mind whether they build it up or tear it down! - Such pultritude!

Am sending some more pictures home. - some are already on their way, and if I get the chance, I'll write another letter tomorrow, enclosing some more. - Guess I could have made a regular letter out of this and enclosed some here, too, - but the idea didn't come off hand - and I'll be damned if I will let all of this go to waste!

Have had some "rough" ones lately, so you hadn't better let up on the crossing of fingers yet awhile. - Me, I'm busy watching you know what! Love Joe

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